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Attn: Michael Walker
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Michael Walker:

In your email dated October 22, 2013, you requested a report of all vendor payment records for a 4-year period from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. Ch. 66, §10, permits the University to estimate and assess the estimated cost of searching for the requested records, segregating exempt information from non-exempt information, and photocopying. I estimate that the cost of your request will be as follows:

Search and segregation costs: Seven hours at \$40.00 per hour = \$280.

In the event that actual costs exceed the estimate, I will bill you for the difference. If the costs are less than the estimate, I will refund the overpayment. When I receive your check in the amount of \$280, I will compile the records responsive to your request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RAL", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert A. Liebowitz
Controller